

# Antenna calibrations for TRF scale determination and their influence on coordinate estimation

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# Motivation

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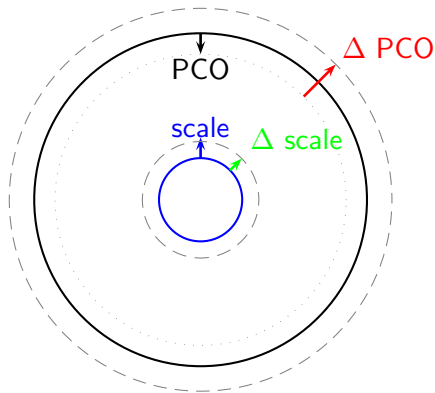
IGS antenna patterns before the release of Galileo and QZSS calibrations:

- Type-mean robot calibrations for receiver antennas
- Estimated satellite antenna offsets

In 2016 and 2017 Galileo and QZSS satellite antenna calibrations were disclosed by the GSA and CAO

- What is the impact when using the calibrated patterns?
- Only GPS and GLONASS L1/L2 receiver antenna patterns available.  
Influence using GPS pattern for Galileo?  
Alternatives (chamber calibrations)?

# Relation between satellite PCO and scale



- PCO to Scale:  
*[Zhu et al. 2002]*  
 $1\text{m} \hat{=} -7.8 \text{ ppb}$   
 $1 \text{ ppb} \hat{=} -0.13 \text{ m}$
- PCO's:  $-4 \text{ m } \Delta \text{ PCO}$
- Stations:  $20 \text{ cm offset}$

# IGS antenna pattern: before Galileo and QZSS disclosure

GNSS	Frq	Sat.	Rob.
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	L2		
	L5		
GLO	G1		
	G2		
	G3		
GAL	E1		L1
	E5a		
	E5b		L2
	E5		
	E6		

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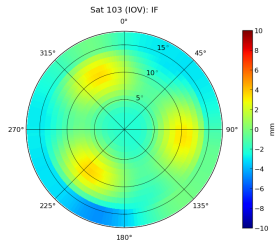
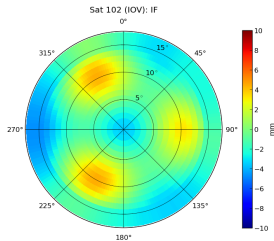
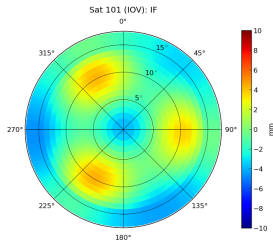
# Galileo IOV/FOC Pattern

- Officially disclosed by GSA  
(IOV: December 2016, FOC: October 2017)
- Chamber calibrated PCO and PCV for all active FOC/IOV satellites
- Difference between calibrated PCO's  
and estimated PCO's [Steigenberger et al., 2016, J. Geod]:

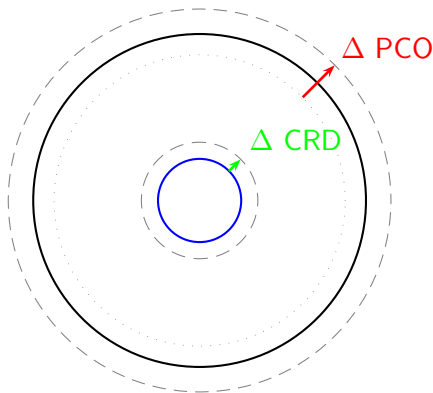
X: up to 1 cm

Y: up to 1 cm

Z: IOV: ca. 0 – 10 cm, FOC 17 – 34 cm



# Relation between satellite and receiver antenna PCO's



What antenna offset would cause this difference?

$$\frac{\Delta PCO}{-4\text{m}} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta CRD}{20\text{ cm}}$$

**-20 cm**                      **1 cm**

→ **ΔPCO for ionosphere free linear combination: -1 cm**



# Evaluation of the IOV/FOC patterns

- Orbit comparison between IGS PCO and released IOV/FOC PCOs and PCVs
- Introducing station-wise inter-system translation biases (GTRA)
- Solutions based on MGEX (140 stations) for day 60 to 120 in 2017

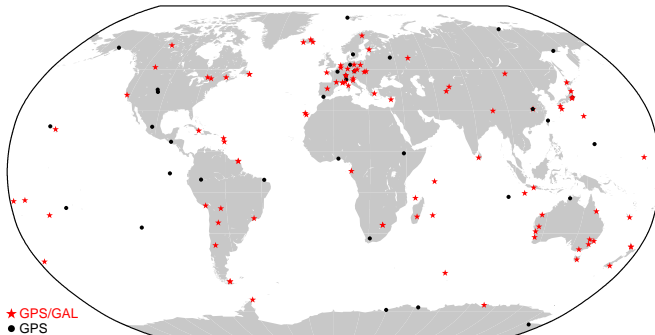
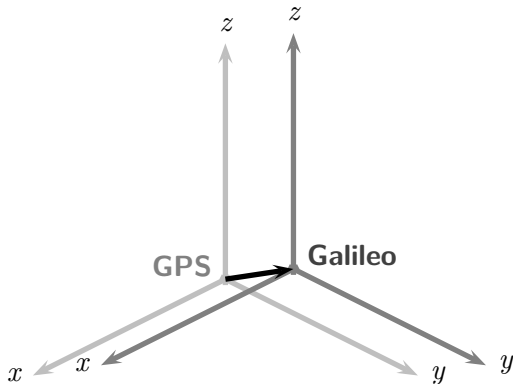


Figure: Used MGEX network for day 2017-060

# Inter-system translation biases (GTRA)

- Orbit-Solution (double-difference): Zero mean condition applied: translation and rotation
- PPP-Solutions: No constraints applied



- Station coordinates from GPS-only
- Station coordinates from Galileo-only
- Vector between GPS- and Galileo-coordinates

# Orbit comparison (NNR and NNT)

GAL: calibrated PCO, IGS: estimated PCO [Steigenberger et al., 2016, J. Geod]

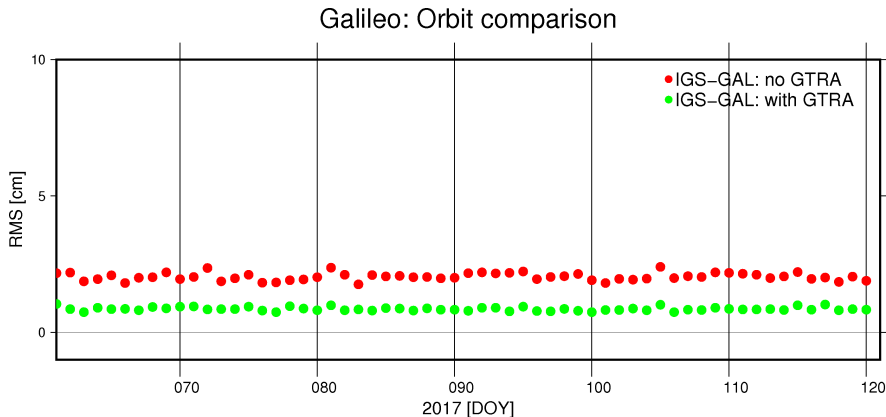


Figure: Difference between Galileo orbits using IGS and GAL PCO's without GTRA

# GNSS inter-system translation biases comparison

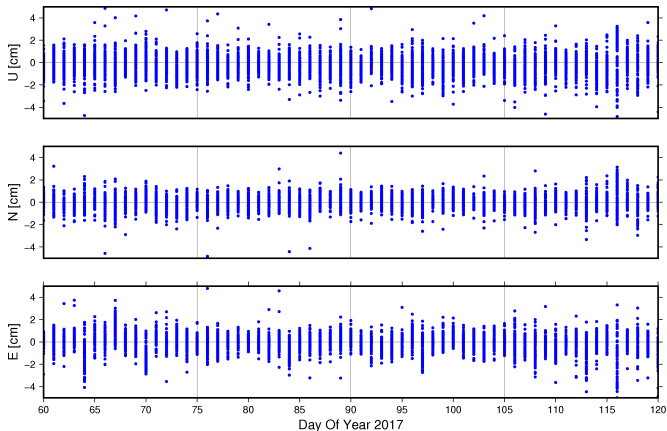


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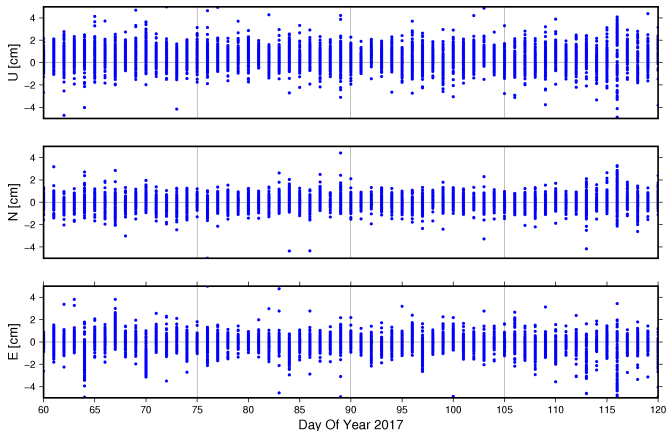


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# Summary

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→ Mean difference in U: -9.6 mm

Calibrated Galileo pattern:

- no orbit improvement or degradation
- Mean difference between L1/L2 and E1/E5 PCO is ca. 1 cm
- This is no longer the case for calibrated pattern
- → inter-system translation biases can solve the lack of calibrations
- → creating a GPS and a Galileo coordinate ...

# Chamber calibrated receiver stations

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- Individual calibrated EUREF sites with chamber calibrated antennas with frequency E5 (12 sites used)
- Impact of using E5 antenna pattern instead of L2
- Estimation of Inter-System Translation Bias for Galileo FOC and IOV satellites using either L1/L2 or E1/E5 pattern.



# Chamber calibrated antenna patterns

## Ionosphere-Free Linear Combination

- Galileo: IGS is using L1/L2 patterns (taken from GPS)
- No Galileo patterns available
- EUREF: 12 chamber calibrated antenna patterns
- Difference of L1/L2 and E1/E5 PCOs between -1 and -10 mm

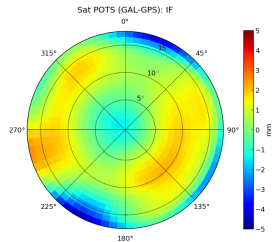
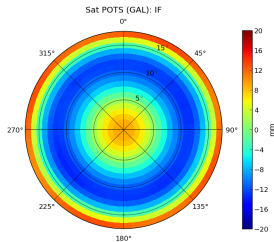
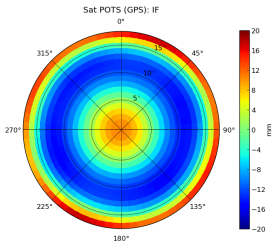
STA	Antenna type	PCO (IF)		$\Delta$ PCO ind. [mm]
		L1 / L2 ind. [mm]	L1 / L5 ind. [mm]	
BRUX	JAVRINGANT_DM NONE	65.19	56.62	-8.56
POTS	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	48.97	39.75	-9.22
OBE4	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	49.18	39.28	-9.90
NYA2	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	50.40	41.17	-9.23
BADH	LEIAR10 NONE	96.22	94.74	-1.49
WRLG	LEIAR25.R3 LEIT	151.72	148.89	-2.84
DOUR	LEIAR25.R3 NONE	146.59	143.55	-3.04
REYK	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	149.68	145.31	-4.36
HOFN	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	149.12	144.92	-4.20
NICO	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	148.09	143.56	-4.54
EUSK	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	149.52	145.20	-4.32
ISTA	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	155.77	149.24	-6.53



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# Galileo inter-system translation biases

STA	Antenna type <i>Used PCO and PCV:</i>	GTRA			$\Delta$ PCO [mm]
		L1/L2 [mm]	E1/E5 [mm]	$\Delta$ GTRA [mm]	
BRUX	JAVRINGANT_DM NONE	-4.3	7.1	-11.4	-8.56
POTS	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	-5.4	5.3	-10.7	-9.22
OBE4	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	-3.6	7.7	-11.3	-9.90
NYA2	JAV_RINGANT_G3T NONE	3.7	11.1	-7.4	-9.23
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WRLG	LEIAR25.R3 LEIT	0.9	9.2	-8.3	-2.84
REYK	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	0.3	8.0	-7.3	-4.36
HOFN	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	1.0	7.9	-6.9	-4.20
NICO	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	-6.6	1.0	-7.6	-4.54
EUSK	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	2.0	10.4	-8.4	-4.32
ISTA	LEIAR25.R4 LEIT	-3.0	5.5	-8.5	-6.53

**Table:** Galileo GTRA: median over 60 days, CODE MGEX orbit and clock products used (IGS PCO and no GTRA)

## Assessment of chamber calibrations

- Collecting as many chamber calibration as possible  
(call by the IGS Antenna Working Group in preparation)
  - Station manager
  - Network operators
  - ...
- Potential analyses:
  - Creation of "type-mean" chamber calibrations
  - MGEX POD solution using "type-mean" chamber calibrations
  - Comparison of GPS/GLONASS POD using robot and chamber calibrations
- Next step: results of this study shall be presented at the IGS Workshop 2018